

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the value of agriculture produce have declined after entering into the WTO agreement;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government propose to put total ban on import of edible oil;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government propose to export chilies, onions and garlic; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The country is not self sufficient in the production of oilseeds/edible oils, and therefore, import of edible oils takes place. Under the current EXIM Policy, import of edible oil is under OGL and any one can import the edible oil on payment of required customs duty.

(e) & (f): The export of chilies and garlic is freely permitted under Current Exim Policy. The export of onions is allowed under quota released by Government from time to time through certain designated State Trading Enterprises.